

PLANS AN ARMORY FOR GUARDSMEN OF THE DISTRICT

Representative Bede Says
Inaugural Ball Problem
Would Be Solved.

Not Necessary to Keep
Militia in Cold Stor-
age Plant.

For Half Million Dollars
Suitable Structure Could
Be Built.

At last a solution of the inaugural ball problem!

J. Adam Bede, formerly a newspaper man in this city, now a Representative in Congress from Minnesota, is out as the champion of a proposition to secure an appropriation from the next session of Congress to build a handsome armory for the District National Guard, and for use as the scene of inaugural balls in the future.

He believes such a structure can be built for a little more than \$500,000, and put up in such a fashion as to ornament the city.

Mr. Bede discussed the matter with a reporter for The Times last night in his characteristic, earnest and humorous manner.

"Yes; the Center Market Armory," he commented reflectively.

Guardsmen in Cold Storage.

He paused a moment, the ghost of a smile creeping into his blue eyes and lifting the corners of his lips. Then he smacked the desk beside him with emphatic hand, and laughed.

"Don't you know," he exclaimed, "this is the first place I have found that keeps its National Guard in cold storage. Yes; the Center Market Armory. It's all there—the National Guard, the cold storage chickens, the rifles, the beef, and the uniforms."

"Why, if we don't get a new armory pretty soon, we'll have to make an annual appropriation for a squad of meat inspectors to pull the tallow out of the guns that have become full of the market atmosphere. The guns are loaded with tallow instead of bullets."

"The thing's immensely funny."

Then Mr. Bede became serious.

Suitable Armory a Necessity.

"Really," he said, "I don't see why Congress can't be prevailed on to give the District of Columbia a suitable armory, one in keeping with the appearance and work of the members of the National Guard. Your District Guard is composed of as fine a lot of men, both officers and privates, as I have ever seen. It's a shame that they should be confined to such cold-storage quarters. There is equally a demand for the inaugural ball every four years. Why not combine the two meritorious projects? We want a fine armory and we want a fine ballroom."

"Such a structure could be built, I should say, for half a million dollars or a little more. The Government could pay half and the District of Columbia half of the cost. Both the Government, the District and the National Guard would profit, and I'm sure the people of this city would willingly pay their one-half for a building so ornamental, so useful and so necessary."

Up to District Committee.

"What would be the best way to go about securing the necessary appropriation for the structure?" he was asked.

"In the first place," he explained, "I would be only too glad to introduce a bill providing for the building, but I believe it would be better for some member of the House Committee on the District of Columbia to frame the bill and introduce it. Through that channel it would secure prompt consideration, because it is the business of the members of that committee to put in bills affecting the District."

"I would vote and speak for such a measure without hesitation."

"Of course the citizens of the District should get together and demonstrate to Congress that there is a demand and a need for such a building. This could be done through the regular citizen organizations."

Proof Positive for Members.

"It could also be done," he added, with that irresistible twinkle in his eye, "by taking the Representatives and Senators down to see the inspectors pulling the tallow out of the guns."

"You see, if an armory suitable for inaugural balls were built, it would be an easy solution of the problem that confronts us every four years, as to where the ball is to be held. The Government would soon be repaid for its part of the expenditure, for, as things are now, it is a tremendous expense to have the ball in the Pension Office, and that seems to be the only available place at present. The new armory is much needed. Congress, I think, will give it."

MILK CAN INSPECTION TO BEGIN THIS WEEK

Col William C. Haskell, sealer of weights and measures, announces that the inspection and sealing of the large cans used in the transportation of milk from the dairy farms to the dealers of the city will commence the first of this week. The inspection will be made at the several depots where the milk is received.

This action is a result of the numerous complaints filed by dealers that the cans received in many instances are short as much as a gallon or more, for which they have to pay. It has been suggested that the short measure is not chargeable up entirely to the shippers, but that the shortage occurs in transit.

All Takoma Mourns B. F. Gilbert's Death



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN GILBERT,
Former Real Estate Man and Financier of Takoma Park.

Funeral This Afternoon,
Mayor and Councilman
as Pallbearers.

The funeral of Benjamin Franklin Gilbert, former well-known real estate man and financier, who died Friday morning after a short illness, will be held from Hines' Chapel, 1715 Fourteenth street northwest, this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The services will be in private and will

be conducted by the Rev. Thomas Culbertson Clark, pastor of the Takoma Presbyterian Church. The funeral arrangements were delayed pending the arrival of Mr. Gilbert's brother, E. C. Gilbert, of Canada, who arrived yesterday and assumed charge.

As the founder of Takoma Park, it was deemed appropriate that the pallbearers should be selected from that suburb. They will be Mayor W. G. Platt and the members of the town council, E. E. Blodgett, John Hansen, W. W. Dyer, L. R. Grubill, J. L. Shear, and J. B. Derriek. The burial will be in Forest Lake Cemetery.

WILL INVESTIGATE IMMIGRATION PLAN

New Commission Holds
First Session Here
Tomorrow.

A commission whose investigations and recommendations may result in sweeping reforms in the matter of immigration into this country will meet and organize at 10:30 o'clock Monday morning in the rooms of the Senate Committee on Immigration.

This commission, which was created by Congress, has three Senators, three Representatives, and three Presidential appointees as its membership. They are Senators Dillingham, Lodge, and La Follette; Representatives Howell, Bennett of New York, and Burnett; Commissioner of Labor Neil, Prof. J. W. Jenks, of Cornell, and William R. Walker, of Oakland, Cal.

They are under instructions to investigate thoroughly the immigration situation, the laws relating to it, and the need for new legislation, if there is any.

Although no definite plans have been made for the work of the commission, it is understood that the first step will be to visit the ports of this country where immigrants are allowed to come in.

SERVICE UNIFORM GETS BLACK EYE FROM THE BENCH

PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 20.—The fight instituted at the suggestion of President Roosevelt to make the uniform of the United States army and navy respected everywhere has met with temporary defeat at the hands of the Rhode Island superior court. The decision was rendered in a suit brought by Chief Yeoman Fred J. Bueuzle, who was barred from a dance hall in Newport on the ground, as he claims, that he was wearing the navy uniform. Judge Sweetland held in substance that because Bueuzle was wearing a navy uniform his position was in no way different from any other person. Court held that at most Bueuzle can recover only the price of his admission ticket, which was 25 cents. He sought, however, heavy damages to reimburse him for the slight upon his uniform.

The decision is long and complicated, and establishes the broad rule that proprietors of a place of amusement may exclude any person they desire. Bueuzle was given financial support by naval officers stationed at Newport, and President Roosevelt sent a check to help defray his expenses. The President was extremely anxious that there should be a ruling in the sailor's favor which would teach all proprietors of places of amusement that the United States uniform must be treated with the utmost respect.

FARRAGUT CORPS SOCIAL.

Officers and members of Farragut Relief Corps, No. 5, will give an entertainment and social on Tuesday, April 23, at their hall, 319 Pennsylvania avenue southeast.

KILL BARTENDER? NO, NOT ALLOWED

Five Dollars' Fine Even for
Announcing Such
Intention.

A bartender has some rights. It was decided by Judge Malloway in the Police Court yesterday that an inebriated patron of a saloon could not state his intention of assassinating the proprietor at the earliest opportunity without paying the penalty. Robert Greenleaf was the man who announced this fell design upon the person of a certain John Kaiser, the latter being the long-suffering keeper of a place at which liquor is dispensed.

Kaiser testified that Greenleaf had come into his place and, in a manner by no means polite, requested a drink. Upon being refused he became very unpleasant, directing his remarks in the main at the unfortunate Kaiser, and winding up his address with the pleasing assurance that he had already during the course of his career slain one bartender and firmly intended duplicating the feat. No sooner had the prosecuting witness closed his testimony than Greenleaf rushed for the stand.

"Onner," he said commencing his dissertation at a rapid rate. "Ah ain' nevah had no intension o' hittin' dat man. Ah' wai's mo'en dat, Ah ain' nevah kill a bartender in mah life. Deed Jedge, y'anner, sub, Ah's a honest law abidin' young man."

But his thrilling appeal had no effect upon the heart of his honor.

"Some men," said the judge, "labor under the hallucination that they can do anything they want to a man in charge of a saloon. They swear at him, threaten him, and sometimes attack him. It is time that such men learned that they cannot kill a bartender with impunity. Let this man pay \$5."

HAGUE DELEGATES GET INSTRUCTIONS

All of the American delegates to the forthcoming peace conference at The Hague, with the exception of Judge U. M. Rose, of Arkansas, had a conference yesterday at the State Department with Secretary Root and Assistant Secretary Bacon for the purpose of receiving their instructions as to the part they are to play on behalf of the United States in the congress. Those present were Joseph H. Choate, Horace Porter, W. I. Buchanan, Eric G. George B. Davis, Rear Admiral Charles S. Sperry, J. B. Scott, expert on international law, Charles H. Butler, expert attaché, and Chandler Hale, secretary of the delegation.

The United States will support at The Hague the British proposition for a limitation of expenditure on armaments and will also urge the adoption of the Drago doctrine for a limitation of the cases in which force may be used for the collection of contractual debts.

ARREST ALLEGED BOOKMAKER.

Charged with making a hand book on the races, Elizabeth W. Johnson, colored, forty-two years old, was arrested yesterday by Precinct Detective Greene. When arrested Johnson had \$7, which, it is alleged, he had taken as bets. He will be given a hearing in the Police Court Monday.

PALAIS ROYAL PAGE

Telling of the Season's Best Bargains

The backward season has so retarded the sale of White Wash Waists that many timid merchants have canceled their orders. Such an opportunity was not to be overlooked here, and nearly 500 dozen waists have been picked up at bargain prices. Please note that there is not one cheap garment in the great gathering. Waists made to retail up to \$1.98 will be found in the 89c lots; values up to \$2.98 are in the \$1.59 lot, and many \$3.98 waists are in the \$1.98 lot. It's the fleeting opportunity the cold weather has made for us and for you. Materials are still soaring in prices, and with the advent of seasonable weather the makers will make good their present losses. The present bargains cannot be duplicated. It's now your opportunity—to secure a supply for the entire summer.



Waists, worth up to \$1.98, for 89c



Waists Worth Up to \$3.98 for \$1.98



73c for \$1.00 Undergarments

Nine of Ninety Styles Pictured Below



79c for Various Best \$1.50 and \$2 Corsets

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